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Attorneys for Defendant Ahava of California, LLC

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SIGNATURE BANK,

Plaintiff,

08 Civ. 3893 (NRB)

- against -

NOTICE OF MOTION

AHAVA FOOD CORP., LEWIS COUNTY DAIRY CORP., ST. LAWRENCE FOOD CORP. d/b/a PRIMO FOODS, YONI REALTY, LLC, SCHWARTZ AND SONS QUALITY DISTRIBUTORS, INC., MOISE BANAYAN, ANA BANAYAN a/k/a CHANA BANAYAN, REBECCA BANAYAN a/k/a REBECCA BARIMYAN a/k/a REBECCA BANAYAN-LIEBERMAN, FARIBORZ BANAYAN a/k/a AARON BANAYAN, RUBEN BEITYAKOV, ARI KATZ, AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC d/b/a AHAVA NATIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTOR and NORTH COUNTRY MANUFACTURING, and JOHN DOE COMPANIES 1 through 10

Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the attached Declarations of Fariborz Banayan and

Robert W. Hirsh, the concurrently filed Memorandum of Law, and any further evidence and argument that may be raised at the hearing of this motion, defendant Ahava of California

("Ahava CA") will move this Court before the Honorable Naomi Buchwald, United States District Judge at the United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York at a time and place to be designated by the Court, for an Order:

- a. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1) abstaining from and staying this case under the Colorado River doctrine; and
- b. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1) abstaining from and dismissing this case under the Younger v. Harris Doctrine.

Dated:

New York, New York

May 13, 2008

ROBERT W. HIRSH & ASSOCIATES KORNSTEIN VEISZ WEXLER & POLLARD, LLP

By: Lawrence C. Fox/ THR

Attorneys for Defendant Ahava of California, LLC

Mara Levin, Esq. TO: HERRICK, FEINSTEIN, LLP 2 Park Avenue New York, New York 10016

Declaration of Robert W. Hirsh

DECLARATION OF ROBERT W. HIRSH

- I, Robert W. Hirsh, declare:
- 1. I am a member of Robert W. Hirsh & Associates. I represent defendant Ahava of California, LLC ("Ahava CA").
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of a complaint which I caused to be filed on March 17, 2008 in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles ("the California Case"). I caused the California Case to be personally served on plaintiff Signature Bank ("the Bank") on or about March 26, 2008. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the proof of service.
 - 3. The two central issues in the California Case and this case are:
- a. whether Ahava CA is an alter ego of defendants Ahava Food Corp, Lewis County Dairy Corp, St. Lawrence Food Corp, Yoni Realty, LLC, Moise Banyan, Ana Banyan, and Schwartz and Sons, Inc. (collectively "the Remaining Defendants"); and,
- b. whether Ahava CA received fraudulent transfers from any of the Remaining Defendants.
- 4. I prepared and personally served two sets of interrogatories and one set of document requests on the Bank's counsel in California relating to the California Case.
- 5. On May 7, 2008, I caused Ahava CA to file an application for a temporary restraining order upon the Bank, which, I learned was denied on or about May 9, 2008.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed in Beverly Hills, California on May 2008

Robert W. Hirsh

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Exhibit A

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Signature Bank; PRF, Inc; Munchies; John Nohein; Alain Cohen; Got Kosher; Aaron Hutman; Janice Hutman; Aaron's Glatt Markett; Berri Good, Inc.; and Does 1 through 1000, inclusive. SUM-100

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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

Ahava of California, LLC

John A. Clarke Executive Officer/Clerk BY MARY BARCIA, Deputy

You have 36 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Heip Center (www.courtfo.ca.gov/selfheip), your county law library, or the court interest you. If you cannot pay the filing lee, sek the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may less the case by default, and your weges, money, and property may be taken without faither warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know as attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Heip Center (www.courtinig.ca.gov/selfheip), or by contacting your local court or county ber association.

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Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 111 North Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

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- 7. In the alternative, defendant Got Kosher ("GK") is and at all relevant times was a business of unknown origin doing business in Los Angeles, California.
- 8. Defendant Aaron Hutman ("AH") is and at all relevant times was individual doing business and residing in Los San Diego, California. Upon information and belief, AH was doing business as "Aaron's Glatt Market".
- 9. Defendant Janice Hutman ("JH") is and at all relevant times was individual doing business and residing in Los San Diego, California. Upon information and belief, JH was doing business as "Aaron's Glatt Market".
- 10. In the alternative, defendant Aaron's Glatt Market ("Market") is and at all relevant times was a business of unknown origin doing business in San Diego, California.
- 11. Defendant Berri Good, Inc. ("Berri") is and at all relevant times was a California corporation doing business in Los Angeles, California.
- 12. At all relevant times, Plaintiff has had business relationships with PRF, Munchies, JN, AC, GK, AH, JH, Market, Berri, and Does 1-500 (collectively "Customers"). Many of Customers are based in California. Many of Customers are Plaintiff's customers who purchase Plaintiff's goods.
- 13. Plaintiff has never had any relationship of any sort with Bank.
- 14. Plaintiff is not an alter ego, a subsidiary, and/or an affiliate with any of the following non-parties: Ahava Food Corp., Lewis County Dairy Corp., St. Lawrence Food Corp., Schwartz and

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1	Sons, Inc. and Yoni Realty, LLC (collectively "the Unaffiliated
2	Companies").
3	15. In or about December 2007, Bank contacted Customers, and
4	represented to them, among other things, the following:
5	a. Bank has a security interest in the assets, including
6	the receivables of the Unaffiliated Companies;
7	b. Plaintiff is affiliated with the Unaffiliated
' 8	Companies;
9	c. Bank's security interest in the assets of the
10	Unaffiliated Companies entities it to Plaintiff's receivables;
11	d. Plaintiff is responsible to Bank for the debt of the
12	Unaffiliated Companies to Bank; and,
13	e. if Customers fail to pay Bank monies which they owe to
14	Plaintiff and/or the Customers make payment of monies they owe to
15	Plaintiff to anyone other than Bank, then Customers will still be
16	responsible to Bank for the payments made.
17	The Banks communications as alleged in this paragraph shall
18	collectively be referred to as "the Demand").
19	16. Upon information and belief, Bank communicated the Demand
20	to Customers, which was primarily done by sending Customers a
21	substantially similar and/or identical generic letter contained the
22	Demand True and correct copies of this generic letter are attached
23	hereto as Exhibit A.
24	17. The Bank's statements contained in paragraph 15(b-e) are
25	false.
26	18. From in or about December 2007 to the present, Plaintiff:

a. stated to the Bank that the Demand was false;

	b. stated to the Bank that the Demand could and would
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2	damage Plaintiff; and,
3	c. demanded that Bank retract the Demand.
4	19. Bank wrongfully transmitted the Demand.
5 .	20. Bank has wrongfully refused to retract the Demand.
6	21. At all relevant times, Bank knew that its statements
7	contained in paragraph 15(b-e) were false. Despite this knowledge
8	Bank made the Demand, and has refused to withdraw it.
9	22. Bank's conduct has caused Plaintiff significant financial
10	harm, which is continuing.
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12	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
13	(Intentional Interference with Contractual Relationship
14	Against Bank)
15	23. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22,
16	inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
17	24. At all relevant times, Bank knew that its statements
18	contained in paragraph 15(b-e) were false.
19	25. In or about December, 2007, Bank made the Demand to some
20	or all of Customers.
21	26. As a result of the Demand,
22	a. certain of the Customers, among other things:
23	 failed to pay Plaintiff monies due and owing to
24	Plaintiff by them;
25	2. wrongfully paid Bank monies owing to Plaintiff;
26	and,
27	3. terminated and/or modified their business
28	relationship with Plaintiff, all of which damaged Plaintiff.
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- 28. At all relevant times, Bank knew that the Demand would interfere with Plaintiff's existing contractual relationship with Customers.
- 29. Despite this knowledge, which is continuing, Bank made the Demand, and refuses to withdraw it.
- 30. Bank's conduct has damaged the contractual relationship between Plaintiff and Customers.
- 31. As a proximate result of Bank's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial, but in no event less than \$10,000,000.00.
- 32. In doing the acts herein alleged, Bank acted with oppression, fraud, and malice. Bank's conduct shocks the conscience. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages in an amount subject to proof from Bank.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligent Interference with Contractual Relationship Against Bank)

- 33. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22, and 25 through 31, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 34. At all relevant times, Bank knew that its statements contained in paragraph 15(b-e) were false.
- 35. In or about December, 2007, Bank made the Demand to some or all of Customers.
 - 36. As a result of the Demand,

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- 1. failed to pay Plaintiff monies due and owing to Plaintiff by them;
 - 2. wrongfully paid Bank monies owing to Plaintiff;
- 3. terminated and/or modified their business relationship with Plaintiff, all of which damaged Plaintiff.
- 37. Bank has refused Plaintiff's demand that Bank retract the Demand.
- 38. At all relevant times, Bank should have known that the Demand would interfere with Plaintiff's existing contractual relationship with Customers.
 - 39. Bank refuses to withdraw the Demand. .
- 40. Bank's conduct has damaged the contractual relationship. between Plaintiff and Customers.
- 41. As a proximate result of Bank's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial, but in no event less than \$10,000,000.00.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Intentional Interference with Prospective Contractual Advantage Against Bank)

- 42. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 32, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 43. At all relevant times, Bank knew that its statements contained in paragraph 15(b-e) were false.
- 44. In or about December, 2007, Bank made the Demand to some or all of Customers.

1	45. As a result of the Demand,
2	a. certain of the Customers, among other things:
3	 failed to pay Plaintiff monies due and owing to
4	Plaintiff by them;
5	 wrongfully paid Bank monies owing to Plaintiff;
6	and,
7	 terminated and/or modified their business
8	relationship with Plaintiff, all of which damaged Plaintiff.
9	46. Bank has refused Plaintiff's demand that Bank retract the
10	Demand.
11	47. At all relevant times, Bank knew that the Demand would
12	interfere with Plaintiff's existing contractual relationship with
13	Customers.
14	48. Despite this knowledge, which is continuing, Bank made the
15	Demand, and refuses to withdraw it.
16	49. Bank's conduct has damaged the prospective contractual
17	advantage enjoyed by Plaintiff with Customers and others.
18	50. As a proximate result of Bank's wrongful conduct,
19	Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of
20	trial, but in no event less than \$10,000,000.00.
21	51. In doing the acts herein alleged, Bank acted with
22	oppression, fraud, and malice. Bank's conduct shocks the
23	conscience. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages in an amount
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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Willful Misconduct Against Bank)

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- 52. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 32 and 43-51, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 53. Bank's conduct constitutes willful misconduct against Plaintiff.
- 54. As a proximate result of Bank's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial, but in no event less than \$10,000,000.00.
- 55. In doing the acts herein alleged, Bank acted with oppression, fraud, and malice. Bank's conduct shocks the conscience. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages in an amount subject to proof from Bank.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Violation of B & P Section 17200 Against Bank)

- 56. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 29, 34 through 40, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 57. Bank's conduct constitutes deceptive business practices within the meaning of Business and Professions Code Section 17200, et. seq.
- 58. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 17203, an order should issue causing defendants to disgorge all monies received by Bank from Customers.
- 59. For each payment received by Bank, in violation of Business and Professions Code Section 17206.1, in addition to the

other remedies contained in this complaint, a civil penalty in the sum of \$2500.00 per violation should issue against Bank.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Negligence Against Bank)

- 60. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 61. At all relevant times, Bank owed Plaintiff a duty of care to, among other things, not misrepresent Plaintiff's relationship with the Bank and the Unaffiliated Companies.
- 62. Bank breached its duty of care to Plaintiff by, among other things, making the Demand, not retracting it, and by taking possession of monies properly belonging to Plaintiff.
- 63. As a proximate result of Bank's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial, but in no event less than \$10,000,000.00.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Declaratory Relief Against All Defendants)

- 64. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 29, 34 through 40, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 65. A judicial determination is necessary to ascertain the rights of the parties, including but not limited to the relationship between the Bank and Plaintiff, and the Demand.

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EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Breach of Oral Contract Against Customers)

- 66. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 67. During the last two years, Plaintiff on the hand, and Customers on the other, orally agreed that in consideration of Plaintiff shipping goods to Customers, Customers would pay Plaintiff upon receipt of the goods and an invoice.
- 68. Pursuant to this oral agreement, Plaintiff shipped goods and sent invoices to Customers. The following amounts are owed by the following Customers to Plaintiff as a result of Plaintiff shipping them goods and invoicing them pursuant to the oral contracts:
 - a. PRF and Munchies: \$1732.94;
 - b. JN, AC, and GK: \$1100.20;
 - c. AH, JH, and Market: \$1438.42; and,
 - d. Berri: \$1500.00.

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- 69. Customers, including PRF, Munchies, JN, AC, GK, AH, JH, Market, and Berri refuse to pay Plaintiff the monies owing to Plaintiff based upon their receipt of the Demand.
- 70. Customers are in breach of their oral agreements with Plaintiff.
- 71. Despite repeated demand, Customers have failed to pay and continue to fail to pay Plaintiff said monies owing.
- 72. Plaintiff has performed all promises, covenants, and conditions on its part to be performed, except those promises, covenants and conditions whose performance are excused by Customers' wrongful conduct.

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73. As a proximate result of defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in amounts subject to proof, together with interest accruing thereon at the maximum legal rate from the date of each breach to the present.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Common Count: For Goods Had and Received Against Customers)

- 74. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 75. During the last three years, Plaintiff shipped goods to Customers, who promised to pay for them.
- 76. As set forth below, the following persons became indebted to Plaintiff in the following respective amounts:
 - a. PRF and Munchies: \$1732.94;
 - b. JN, AC, and GK: \$1100.20;
 - c. AH, JH, and Market: \$1438.42; and,
 - d. Berri: \$1500.00.
- 77. Plaintiff has demanded payment from the Customers in the amounts set forth in the preceding paragraph. Despite repeated demands therefor, there remains due, owing and unpaid by Customers to Plaintiff in the amounts, respectively as set forth in the preceding paragraph, together with interest thereon at the maximum. legal rate.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Common Count: Account Stated Against Customers)

78. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.

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84. Plaintiff has demanded payment from the Customers in the amounts set forth in the preceding paragraph. Despite repeated demands therefor, there remains due, owing and unpaid by Customers to Plaintiff in the amounts, respectively as set forth in the preceding paragraph, together with interest thereon at the maximum legal rate.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For An Accounting Against All Defendants)

- 85. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 86. An accounting of the Defendants' books and records is necessary to ascertain the amount of Plaintiff's receivables which Bank has collected from Customers arising out of the Demand.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Conversion Against Bank)

- 87. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 88. From in or about December 2007 to the present, Bank converted Plaintiff's monies to its own use which were paid by Bank from Customers as a result of the Demand.
- 89. As a proximate result of defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial.
- 90. In doing the acts herein alleged, Bank acted with oppression, fraud, and malice. Bank's conduct shocks the

FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Imposition of Resulting Trust Against Bank)

- 91. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 and 88 through 89, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 92. From in or about December, 2007 to the present, Bank has improperly received monies belonging to Plaintiff from Plaintiff's customers.
- 93. Bank should be declared by this Court to be an involuntary trustee of a resulting trust containing the monies which Plaintiff is entitled to receive which are being wrongfully held by Bank.

FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Imposition of Constructive Trust Against Bank)

- 94. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 and 88 through 89, inclusive, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 95. From in or about December, 2007 to the present, Bank has improperly received monies belonging to Plaintiff from Plaintiff's customers.
- 96. Bank should be declared by this Court to be an involuntary trustee of a constructive trust containing the monies which Plaintiff is entitled to receive which are being wrongfully held by Bank.

1	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:
2	 For compensatory damages subject to proof;
3	2. For disgorgement and statutory penalties under B & P 1720
4	et. seq.;
5	 For punitive damages subject to proof;
6	4. For interest, including prejudgment interest at the legal
7	rate;
8	5. For imposition of a resulting trust;
9	6. For imposition of a constructive trust;
10	7. For an accounting;
11	8. For costs; and
12	 For such other relief that may be just and proper.
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14	Dated: March / , 2008 ROBERT W. HIRSH & ASSOCIATES
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16	By: Robert W. Hirsh
17	Attorneys for Plaintiff
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EXHIBITA

Headquarters = 565 Fifth Avenue New York New York 10017 = toll-free phone 866 sigline = www.signatureny.com

January 2, 2008

By Facsimile or Overnight Courier Attn: Owner Or A/P Manager Pizza Maven

140 North Labrea Avenue. Los Angeles, CA 90046

Re: Ahava Food Corp.

St. Lawrence Food Corp. Lewis County Dairy Corp.

Schwartz & Sons Quality Distributions, Inc.

Yoni Realty LLC

Dear Six or Madam:

Please be advised that pursuant to (1) a Security Agreement, dated as of August 22, 2005 by and among Ahava Food Corp ("Ahava"), St. Lawrence Food Corp. ("SLF"), Lewis County Dairy Corp. ("LCD") Yoni Realty LLC ("Yoni") and Signature Bank (the "Lender"); (2) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of October 7, 2005 by and between LCD and the Lender; (3) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2006, by and hetween LCD and the Lender; (4) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2006, by and between Ahava and the Lender; (5) a Continuing General Security Agreement dated as of March 28, 2006, by and between SLF and the Lender, and (6) a Security Agreement dated as of August 27, 2007 by and among Ahava, SLF, LCD, and Schwartz & Sons Quality Distributors, Inc. ("Schwartz"), Ahava, SLF, LCD, Yoni and Schwartz granted to Lender a Uniform Commercial Code security interest and assignment in all of their accounts receivable (past, present, and future).

Pursuant to the aforcmentioned security agreements and applicable law, Lender is now entitled to receive any and all payments now or hereafter due to Ahava, SLF, LCD, Yoni, and/or Schwartz. Moreover, Lender has recently learned that the owners of Ahava, SLF, LCD, Yoni and Schwartz have been improperly invoicing customers under other names. Accordingly, Lender is entitled to receive all payments due to any other entity believed by you to be affiliated with any of Ahava, SLF, LCD, Yoni or Schwartz including, without limitation, entities known as Ahava of California and Ahava National Food Distribution (such other entities are hereinafter referred to as the "Transfer Affiliates", and the Transfer Affiliates are herein referred to together with Ahava, Yoni, SLF, LCD and Schwartz as the "Debtors").

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Please be advised that pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code Sections 9-406(a) and 9-607(a)(1), Lender is notifying you to immediately make payment to Lender of all amounts on any receivable due to any of the Debtors. All checks are to be made payable to Signature Bank. Accordingly, effective immediately, please forward all payments due on your accounts with any of the Debtors directly to us at the following address:

Signature Bank Account No. 1500957634 565 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10017 Attn: Robert A. Bloch

Please be advised that under the law, if you withhold payment or make payment to anyone other than Lender at the address set forth above, you will nonetheless remain liable to Lender for such amounts.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing instructions, please contact the undersigned at (646) 822 - 1827. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

SIGNATUREBANK

Name: Robert A. Bloch

Title: Senior Vice President

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*** Red Quarrers = 565 Fifth Avenue New York New York 10017 - toll-free phone 566 sigline a www.signatureny.com

December 24, 2007

By Facsimils or Overnight Courier

Pico Cafe 8944 West Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90035

Re:

Ahava Food Corp.
St. Lawrence Food Corp.
Lewis County Dairy Corp.
Schwartz & Sons Quality Distributions, Inc.
Yoni Realty LLC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that pursuant to (1) a Security Agreement, dated as of August 22, 2005 by and among Ahava Food Corp ("Ahava"), St. Lawrence Food Corp. ("SLF"), Lewis County Dairy Corp. ("LCD") Yoni Realty LLC ("Yoni") and Signature Bank (the "Lender"): (2) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of October 7, 2005 by and between LCD and the Lender, (3) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2006, by and between LCD and the Lender, (4) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2006; by and between Ahava and the Lender, (5) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2006, by and between SLF and the Lender, and (6) a Security Agreement dated as of August 27, 2007 by and among Ahava, SLF, LCD, and Schwartz & Sons Quality Distributors, Inc. ("Schwartz"), Ahava, SLF, LCD, Yoni and Schwartz granted to Lender a Uniform Commercial Code security interest and assignment in all of their accounts receivable (past, present, and future).

Pursuant to the aforementioned security agreements and applicable law, Lender is now entitled to receive any and all payments now or hereafter due to Ahava, SLF, LCD. Yoni, and/or Schwartz. Moreover, Lender has recently learned that the owners of Ahava, SLF, LCD. Yoni and Schwartz have been improperly invoicing customers under other names. Accordingly, Lender is entitled to receive all payments due to any other entity believed by you to be affiliated with any of Ahava, SLF, LCD, Yoni or Schwartz including, without limitation, entities known as Ahava of California and Ahava, National Food Distribution (such other entities are hereinafter referred to as the "Transfer Affiliates", and the Transfer Affiliates are herein referred to together with Ahava, Yoni, SLF, LCD and Schwartz as the "Debtors").

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PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

- 1. Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filling a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- 3. Civil Case Cover Sheet form CM-010.
- 4. Complete Addendum to Civil Case Cover Sheet form LACIV 109 (Rev 01/07), LASC Approved 03-04.
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
- Signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, JC form FL-935, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age, or if required by Court.
- Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE

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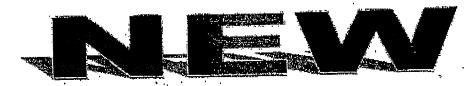
THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below. There is additional information on the reverse side of this form

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from the LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT ADR DEPARTMENT

If you have a general jurisdiction case involving one of these 6 subject matter areas:

- commercial
- :employment
- medical malpractice
- · real estate
- trade secrets
- unfair competition

Your case may be eligible for the court's pilot Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) program.

- ENE can reduce litigation time and costs and promote settlement.
- ◆ ENE is an informal process that offers a non-binding evaluation by an experienced neutral lawyer with expertise in the subject matter of the case. After counsel present their claims and defenses, the neutral evaluates the case based on the law and the evidence.
- ENE is voluntary and confidential.
- ◆ The benefits of ENE include helping to clarify, narrow or eliminate issues, identify areas of agreement, offer case-planning suggestions and, if requested by the parties, assist in settlement.
- The first three (3) hours of the ENE session are free of charge.

See back for a list of participating pilot courthouses and departments.

For additional ENE information, visit the Court's web site at www.lasuperiorcourt.org/adr

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) PROGRAMS

[CRC 3.221 Information about Alternative Dispute Resolution]

The plaintiff shall serve a copy of the ADR Information package on each defendant along with the complaint.

ADR PROGRAMS

"Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)" is the term used to describe all the other options available for settling a dispute which once had to be settled in court. ADR processes such as arbitration, mediation, early neutral evaluation (ENE), and settlement conferences, are less formal than court and provide opportunities for litigants to reach an agreement using a problem-solving approach rather than the more adversarial approach of litigation.

MEDIATION

A neutral third party called a "mediator" helps participants in the dispute create their own resolution. The mediator helps facilitate a discussion in which the parties reach a mutually agreed upon settlement. Therefore, mediation allows for more creative resolutions to disputes than other ADR processes.

The Court Mediation Program is governed by Code of Civil Procedure sections 1775-1775.15, California Rules of Court, Rules 3.850-3.868 and 3.870-3.878; Evidence Code sections 1115-1128, and Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, Chapter 12.

ARBITRATION

A neutral third party called an "arbitrator" listens to each side in the dispute present its case. The arbitrator, who is an attorney, issues a decision based on the evidence. Although evidence is presented, arbitration is a less formal process than litigation. The decision is non-binding unless the parties agree in writing to binding arbitration.

The Court Arbitration Program is governed by Code of Civil Procedure sections 1141.10-1141.31, California Rules of Court, Rules 3.810-3.830, and Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, Chapter 12.

ENE

A neutral third party called an "evaluator" will provide the parties and their counsel, on a voluntary basis and in a confidential session, the opportunity to make summary presentations of their claims and defenses, including key evidence. After hearing the presentations, the evaluator, who is an experienced lawyer with subject-matter expertise, offers a non-binding evaluation.

The evaluator will also help clarify, narrow or eliminate issues, identify areas of agreement, offer caseplanning suggestions, and, if requested by parties, settlement assistance. Although settlement is not the primary goal of ENE, the ENE process can reduce litigation time and costs and promote settlement.

The Court ENE Program is governed by Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, Chapter 12.

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

A neutral third party called a "settlement officer," who is also a retired judge, assists the parties in negotiating their own settlement and may evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the case.

JURISDICTIONAL LIMITATIONS

MEDIATION, ARBITRATION &

Any case in which the amount in dispute is between \$25,000-\$50,000 per plaintiff, and was not previously referred to the Court ADR Program, can be sent to the Court ADR Program for mediation, arbitration, or ENE by stipulation, election by plaintiff or order of the court.

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Parties may *voluntarily* request or initiate a mediation or arbitration proceeding, regardless of the amount in dispute.

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Any case, regardless of the amount in dispute, may be ordered to a settlement conference. There is no monetary limit.

REFERRAL INFORMATION

After the Court determines the suitability of a case for ADR, the Court directs the parties to the ADR Department to initiate the ADR process. Once the parties have completed the ADR intake forms, a Neutral may be selected.

What is the goal of mediation?

The goal is to assist the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable agreement or understanding on some or all of the issues. The parties jointly become the primary decision maker in how to resolve the issues as opposed to the traditional judge and/or jury system.

Do I need an attorney for this?

While it is recommended to have an attorney and/or receive legal advice before the mediation starts, you are not required to have representation, if you do have an attorney, they may participate in the mediation with you.

How long does it take?

Face-to-face mediations generally last one to three hours. Telephone conciliations, in which the parties do not meet face to face, vary from a few days to several weeks. Much depends on the number of parties involved and the complexities of the issues. When the mediation takes place depends on parties scheduling availability.

A Mediator helps parties...

- ♦ Have productive discussions
- +Avoid or break impasses
- Defuse controversy
- ◆Generate options that have potential for mutual gain
- · Better understand each other's concerns and goals
- Focus on their interests rather than their positions

A Mediator does not...

- Provide advice or opinions
- ◆Offer legal information
- ♦ Make decisions for parties
- ◆Represent or advocate for either side
- Judge or evaluate anyone or anything
- Conduct research
- ◆ "Take Sides"

What does it cost?

The first three hours of any mediation are free.
Thereafter, charges are based on income or revenue.
All fees are waived for low-income individuals.

What is the difference between the contractors listed and the Superior Court ADR Office?

The services offered by the contractors listed may be accessed immediately. Those offered by the Superior Court ADR Office, also a DRPA contractor, may not be accessed by parties until a court appearance, or at the directive of the judge assigned to the case.

Legal Advice/Information

If you want to retain an attorney, a list of state certified referral services is at <u>courtinfo.ca.gov</u> which also has an on-line self help legal center.

Self-Heip Legal Access Centers are at the inglewood, Palmdale, Pomona, and Van Nuys courthouses. <u>nls-la.org and lafta.org</u>

Court Personnel can answer non-legal questions (forms, fees, fee waivers). lasuperiorcourt.org

Low-income individuals may qualify for help from non-profit legal organizations. Court Personnel and DRPA contractors have such listings.

Dispute Resolution Programs Act (DRPA) Grants Administration Office (213) 738-2621

(The DRP Office is not a Superior Court Office. Consult your phone directory to locate the number of the Court Office on your summons.)

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Declaration of Fariborz Banayan

DECLARATION OF FARIBORZ BANAYAN

- I, Fariborz Banayan, declare:
- 1. I am the sole member of defendant Ahava of California, LLC ("Ahava CA"). Each fact contained in this declaration is within my personal knowledge, and if called upon to testify as to any matter herein, I could and would competently do so.
- 2. Ahava CA is a California limited liability company formed in 2000, which I have exclusively owned since in or about 2005. Attached collectively hereto as Exhibit A are true and correct copies of the Agreement and the Assignment of Interest and Consent of Managing Partner which transferred defendant Moise Banayan's ("Moise") interest in Ahava CA to me. This transaction was negotiated and entered into in California.
 - 3. Ahava CA's books and records are maintained in California.
 - 4. I am a California resident.
- 5. Ahava CA conducts business out of California and New York. The New York office reports to me in California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed in Beverly Hills, California on May 11, 2008.

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Exhibit A

AGREEMENT

The agreement Made this 15th day of August 2005 by and between Moise Banayan an individual residing in Monsey New York ("5eller") and Fariborz Banayan residing in Venice Beach California ("Buyer") referred to herein as the "parties".

Whereas, The parties have shares in the stock of Ahava of California, LLC, a California corporation as follows: Moise Banayan 50% of the shares and Fariborz Banayan 50% of the shares.

Whereas, There was a certain inheritance fund at the above date from the deceased father of the parties in the amount of \$507,852.94, and the seller is holding on to this fund, and is unable to distribute the 1/3 due to the buyer.

Whereas, The seller is requesting to pay this sum back to the buyer at a future date but prior to January 2nd 2007, and the buyer agrees to give this extended grace period to collect the debt arising from the inheritance proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1: STOCK SALE

The Seller shall sell and fully transfer to the Buyer 50% stock shares of Ahava of California for the debt due.

2. OPTION TO RE BUY THE TRANSFERRED STOCK

The seller can buy back the sold and transferred stock from the buyer prior to January 2nd 2007, by paying to the buyer \$167,284.32.

3 VALUE OF STOCK AND PAYMENT

The value of the stock is hereby established to be \$169,284.32 as of January 2nd 2007, and it will remain the same until January 2nd 2007. The seller accepts the cancellation of the debt as full payment for the 50% shares in Ahava of California LLC

4. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This agreement shall be construed and governed by the Laws of the State of California.

5. AUTHORITY

Each party represents it has the capacity to enter this Agreement.

6. MODIFICATION

No modification, amendment, or waiver of any of the provisions of this agreement shall be effective unless in writing and executed by all the parties hereto.

SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

8. WHOLE AGREEMENT

This Agreement supercedes any and all prior agreements among the parties hereto with respect to the subject hereof and sets forth the final and entire agreement of the parties hereto

9. **BEADINGS**

The headings in this agreement are for convenience only, and shall not effect the meaning of the terms hereof.

10. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this agreement shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable as written, it shall be construed to the greatest extent possible, in a manner which will render it valid and enforceable and any limitation of the scope or duration of such provision so necessary to make it valid and enforceable shall be so construed, no such unenforceability shall affect any other portion of this agreement unless the portion so deemed invalid and unenforceable is a material element of the agreement, taken as a whole.

Moise Banayan, Sellar

Fariborz Banayan, Buyer

AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC

ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST AND CONSENT OF MANAGING MEMBER

In accordance with an agreement dated August 15th 2005, for One hundred sixty seven thousand and two hundred eighty four DOLLARS and 32 cent (\$167,284.32) AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, MOISE BARAYAN, an individual, ("Assignor") hereby assigns all of its right, title, and interest in and to a fifty (50%) percent membership interest in Ahava of California, LLC, to FARIBORAE BANAYAN, an individual ("Assignee").

Assignee hereby assumes all of the obligations of Assignor as a member under the Operating Agreement, dated Feb 11 2000 from and after the date hereof.

This Assignment of Interest may be executed in multiple counterpart copies, all of which shall constitute a facsimile delivered by single document and may рe transmission.

Dated: 15th of August , 2005

ASSIGNOR:

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CONSENTED TO: AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC

Fariborz Banayan Name: Title: Managing Member

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